

## CONGRESSIONAL RECORD SUMMARY

Thursday, January 25, 2001

### HOUSE

*The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on January 30, 2001, at 2:00 p.m.*

### SENATE

#### Measures Introduced:

**S. 178.** *A bill to permanently reenact chapter 12 of title 11, United States Code, relating to family farmers; to the Committee on the Judiciary.*

Wellstone

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**S. 181.** A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to phase out the taxation of social security benefits; to the Committee on Finance.

Shelby

Pages S 568, S 570-1

**S. 184.** *A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to eliminate good time credits for prisoners serving a sentence for a crime of violence, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.*

*"...I offer legislation today that would strengthen our Trust in Sentencing guidelines and limit the ability of violent criminals to be released early due to "good time" credits..."*

Dorgan

Pages S 568, S 572

**S. 185.** *A bill to provide incentives to encourage stronger truth in sentencing of violent offenders, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.*

Dorgan

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**S. 190.** A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to grant the Secretary of Health and Human Services the *authority to regulate tobacco products*, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Frist

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**S. 191.** *A bill to abolish the death penalty under Federal Law; to the Committee on the Judiciary.*

*"...I rise today to introduce the Federal Death Penalty Abolition Act of 2001. This bill will abolish the death penalty at the Federal level. It will put an immediate halt to executions and forbid the imposition of the death penalty as a sentence for violations of Federal law..."*

Feingold

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**S. 192.** *A bill to amend title 9, United States Code, with respect to consumer credit transactions; to the Committee on the Judiciary.*

*"...My bill extends the wisdom of the California appellate decision to every credit cardholder and consumer loan borrower. It amends the Federal Arbitration Act to invalidate mandatory, binding arbitration provisions in consumer credit agreements. [ ] My bill does not prohibit arbitration of consumer credit transactions. It merely prohibits mandatory, binding arbitration provisions in consumer credit agreements..."*

Feingold

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#### Majority Party Committee Assignments:

*The Majority Leader offered for the Record the majority party committee assignments for the 107th Congress.*

**Judiciary:**

*Senators Hatch, Thurmond, Grassley, Specter, Kyl, DeWine, Sessions, Brownback, and McConnell.*

**Appropriations:**

*Senators Stevens, Cochran, Domenici, Specter, Bond, McConnell, Burns, Shelby, Gregg, Bennett, Campbell, Craig, K. Hutchison, and DeWine.*

**Environment and Public Works:**

*Senators B. Smith, Warner, Inhofe, Bond, Voinovich, Crapo, Chafee, Specter, and Campbell.*

**Governmental Affairs:**

*Senators Thompson, Stevens, Collins, Voinovich, Domenici, Cochran, Gregg, and Bennett.*

**Budget:**

*Senators Conrad, Hollings, Sarbanes, Murray, Wyden, Feingold, Johnson, Byrd, Nelson (FL), Stabenow, and Clinton.*

**Rules:**

*Senators Dodd, Byrd, Inouye, Feinstein, Torricelli, Schumer, Breaux, Daschle, and Dayton.*

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**Committee Meeting:**

**Committee on the Budget:** Committee concluded hearings to examine important issues surrounding the outlook for the federal budget and the attendant implications for the formulation of fiscal policy, as well as the former administration's final budget projections.

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**Congressional Program Ahead. Week Of January 29 Through February 3, 2001:**

**Committee on the Budget:** 1/30/01 @ 10:00 a.m. To hold hearings to examine the current state of the United States economy. SD-608.

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**Remarks:**

**Judge Roger Gregory.**

*"...I rise today to address the appointment of Roger L. Gregory to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit and the pending approval process of the Senate. Judge Gregory was appointed to the bench during the congressional recess in December. He was sworn into office last Thursday, on January 18, 2001, in Charlottesville, VA. To many, this recess appointment was unacceptable because the President had nominated Judge Gregory last summer and he was never considered by the Senate or the Judiciary Committee before adjournment sine die..."*

Allen

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Office Of Compliance Report To Congress. (***Congressional Accountability Act***)

Thurmond

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Gun Safety.

Levin

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**Next SENATE MEETING: Monday, 12:00 p.m., January 29, 2001.**

**Next HOUSE MEETING: Tuesday, 2:00 p.m., January 30, 2001.**

**OLA: S. Smith, J. Homanich**